The S.P.O.T. Express





THIS ISSUE'S ISSUE... Buddy Up in 2010!

If you have volunteered in the past, but have gotten sidetracked with other

responsibilities, we hope that you will put your commitment to the animals back on the priority list for 2010. We have a lot of exciting things in store at Metro Animal Services and will need more volunteer power than ever. With the advent of the new adoption facility and an increasing demand for our programs and services comes an increasing demand for volunteer and financial support. Actually, if we can be so bold, we would like to ask you to take on a

holiday project for us. Here's the project: As you navigate your way through the holidays visiting friends and family, we would like you to keep your eye out for a buddy! That is, we'd like to encourage you to recruit a buddy to volunteer with you. Almost every project is more successful and enjoyable if you have a friend to share the experience with. People tend to be more committed if they have a friend involved, too. (Not to mention, the accountability factor is a good motivator!) Please seriously consider recruiting a buddy to volunteer. If recruiting a human buddy doesn't work for you, we have plenty of animals here at the shelter who need you to be their buddy for walks, play time, and socialization. We look forward to seeing you—and your buddy—in 2010! Happy Holidays! - The MAS Staff

WISHLIST

Donate to Metro Animal Services! Your donation will help

and enhance programs that aren't covered by our general expenditures, such as The Spot Fund for our new state-of-the-art adoption campus, the animal care fund to enhance the lives of the animals in our shelter, and S.P.O.T., our low-cost, mobile spay and neuter clinic.



We need new dog beds!

The animals at MAS are wishing for new Kuranda beds for the holidays!

Visit our <u>homepage</u> for more information, or click here to go directly to Kuranda's website, where

you can securely donate a dog or cat bed online and have it shipped directly to MAS! Thanks, and Happy Holidays from all of us at MAS!

Bring your furry, feathered or finned friend for a photo with "Santa

Claws" from 1PM to 4PM at the **Hurstbourne Lane PetSmart!** S.P.O.T. will be on site with extra adoptable animals from 1PM to 6PM on Saturday! Now thru Jan. 2 Home for the Holidays Adoption Promotion! Receive \$50 off any dog

CALENDAR

Sat. Dec. 12 & Sun. Dec. 13

adoption and \$25 off any cat adoption—with no age restrictions!

animal from our MAS angel trees & donate much needed items to help the

animals! Available now thru Dec. 31! • Pretty Paws (4101 Oechsli Ave) • Leslie H. Spetz Custom Picture Framing (2400-C Lime Kiln Lane)

Visit local business to "adopt" an

- PetSmart (3580 Hurstbourne Pkwy)
- Holly Cosmetics, Holly Ralston Olyler (4836 Brownsboro Center) • Carmichael's Bookstore (1295
 - Bardstown Rd. & 2720 Frankfort Ave)









Laura pictured with Belle, one of her

Beatrice, a dog

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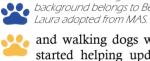




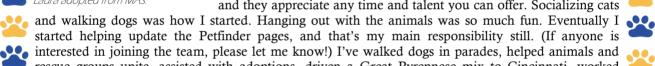


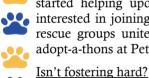












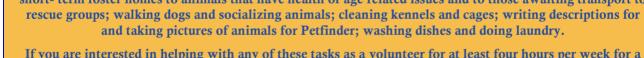




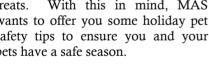


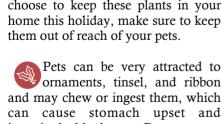












plugged in.

Chocolate, turkey or ham bones or skins, sweet baked goods, and other popular human holiday favorites are not suitable for your pets. The cocoa found in chocolate is poisonous to dogs and cats, and bones can splinter and cause choking or intestinal tears. Keep your pets' stomachs full this holiday by feeding them their normal diets, and perhaps treating them with a rawhide bone, canned pet food, or catnip toy.

changes, like the new adoption facility. Why did you start volunteering?

My reason is twofold. I am a library media specialist at Ballard High School. A student wanted to start an animal club and asked me to be the sponsor. One of the activities the Ballard Animal Relief Club (BARC) does is work one Saturday a month at Metro. I started out working with the students, but now I volunteer the other weekends on

my own. The other part of that reason is I took in a stray beagle years

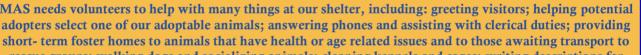
ago and she was one of the best things to ever happen to me. My husband and I couldn't add anymore animals to our household (or so we thought), so I wanted to help dogs and cats anyway I could. current foster dogs. The "tail" in the What do you do as a volunteer? The beautiful thing about Metro is they need you. They truly need help and they appreciate any time and talent you can offer. Socializing cats

rescue groups unite, assisted with adoptions, driven a Great Pyrennese mix to Cincinnati, worked

adopt-a-thons at Petsmart and fostered animals. My friends ask me that all the time. I do get attached to the dogs and it can be hard to say goodbye. However, I've seen so many dogs go into wonderful, loving homes, it makes it so much easier to let them go. We specialize in hounds so when there is a beagle in despair, the adoption folks at Metro call. I've met the most amazing people through animal rescue. I'm still in touch with four families who adopted our foster beagles this summer, and two are now volunteering at Metro, too!

MAS SEEKS DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

MAS needs volunteers to help with many things at our shelter, including: greeting visitors; helping potential



and taking pictures of animals for Petfinder; washing dishes and doing laundry. If you are interested in helping with any of these tasks as a volunteer for at least four hours per week for a minimum of six months, please call our Volunteer Coordinator at (502) 574-5556 to RSVP for an orientation.

Upcoming orientation dates are: Sat. Dec. 19 at noon; Wed. Dec 23 at 4pm; Sat. Jan. 2 at noon; Wed. Jan. 6 at 4pm; Sat. Jan. 16 at noon; Wed. Jan. 20 at 4pm; Sat. Jan. 30 at noon. **W** HOLIDAY **W** THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME SAFETY TIPS

My husband and I adopted a three-month-

He has been to the veterinarian a couple of

old Border Collie / Jack Russell mix from you

about two and a half weeks ago. We have named him Puck and he is one happy boy!

times now and has gotten all of the vaccination

boosters he still needs to keep him healthy. He

wants to offer you some holiday pet safety tips to ensure you and your pets have a safe season. Many holiday plants are

explore, such as holiday décor and

dangerous to pets, and can be deadly. Examples include holly, mistletoe, poinsettias, and lilies (most lilies are extremely dangerous to cats and can cause death, even with prompt veterinary attention). If you choose to keep these plants in your home this holiday, make sure to keep them out of reach of your pets.

can cause stomach upset and intestinal blockage. Be sure to supervise your pets when they are in rooms with these items, and try to avoid placing these objects within your pets' reach. Christmas trees can tip over if your pet pulls on them, climbs them, or runs around them. Be sure to secure your tree so that it can't tip over. Also, if you have a live tree, it

can leach pesticides and sap into the water. Be sure to purchase a tree stand with a cover for the water so your pet cannot drink it. Many pets are very interested in electrical cords and lights. Prevent electrocution by taping extension cords to baseboards and not allowing your pets to play with

holiday light strings, even if not As always, refrain from feeding your pet food from the table.

weighs 12.6 pounds now and loves eating sticks and chasing frogs in the front yard. He is the "Belle of the Ball" where ever he goes! He loves

his chew toys, playing tug of war, and jumping

Sincerely,

The Thackers

on my head when we sit on the couch! I knew you all would enjoy a little update on Puck and to know how much happiness you helped bring to us and to him. He is a perfect fit for He just spent a weekend at my aunt's house with her and her dogs while we were away. He had a blast running around the back yard. My aunt's older male dog was very tolerant of him and taught him all the big

Thanks again, and keep up the good work.

boy things. They are great pals now!

PET PERSONALS Hi there, I'm Bobble! I'm almost two-years-old, a

mix between a Shar Pei and a Carolina Dog, and everyone here tells me I'm a real handsome fella'. I'm a special dog and will need a special home to love me forever. I'm a very smart guy with tons of energy, and unfortunately my previous owners didn't have the patience or skill to properly socialize me and teach me to be a good boy. I will need someone with extensive dog behavior training

experience and a big, forgiving heart who can teach me how to become the well-behaved, loving companion I long to be. I've also been known to escape from gates and fences, so I need a home with a tall, secure fence and owners who will always supervise me when I'm outside. I hope someone out there reading this has the right experience and the room in their heart to make me a part of their family. I promise to be the most loyal friend to the person who knows how to give me what I need. If you think

that could be you, please call MAS or come visit me today. My animal ID

Prrr... my name is KiKi. I'm a domestic shorthaired Tabby and I'm four years old. I'm currently a staff favorite pick; everyone really loves me. My favorite thing to do is cuddle and be petted, I'll even come when called! I'm very calm and the staff thinks I would be wonderful in a family with children, and would do just as well in a quiet, single-person home. I get along

well with dogs, too, which pretty much makes me purr-fect for anyone! My former owners weren't able to care for me anymore, so they brought me to MAS hoping someone else could give me a new home. I'm really hoping that I'll get to go home for the holidays; it would be the first time I've ever spent them alone. If you're looking for a great family cat to give lots of love and laughter for years to come, I'm the cat for you. When you call or come visit, please make sure to have my animal ID number with you;



number is A388676.

